

WORRY OVER THEIR SALARIES

Five State House Employees Likely to Go Without Any Pay.

BRYANT AND HIBBARD ARE AMONG THEM

Legality of Insurance Law Being in Question Accounts Partially for the Situation—Omaha Man Elected Fish Commissioner.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—There are five men employed at the state house who are anxious to know what course the state auditor will pursue regarding the allowance of their claim for salary. These men are Deputy Insurance Commissioner Bryant and Chief Clerk Hibbard, a stenographer and Deputy Food Commissioner Hibbard and his chief clerk, Wright. None of these men have filed their vouchers, but Auditor Cornell will not present to the auditor until the approval of the state auditor. It is thought that Mr. Bryant will also postpone the filing of his voucher until the return of the governor.

Auditor Cornell's ground for refusing to issue warrants for the salary of the employees of the Pure Food commission is that the appropriation is not specific. The law creating the commission provides for an annual appropriation for salaries and other expenses, but the general appropriation bill makes no provision for such. Auditor Cornell holds that all expenditures of the state money must be provided for in the general appropriation bill. When the vouchers for salary of the employees are presented payment will be postponed until an opinion on the subject may be secured from the attorney general. It is possible that none of the claims will be presented until Governor Foynter returns.

Sloup Succeeds O'Brien.

The State Fish commission met at the state house this afternoon and elected Adam Sloup of Douglas county superintendent of the fish hatchery at South Bend to succeed William O'Brien. There were quite a number of candidates for the position, but Sloup received the unanimous vote of all members of the commission. The new superintendent is a prominent democrat of Douglas county. All members of the commission, consisting of J. P. Rouse of Alvo, Robert Oberfelder of Sidney and W. J. LeMay of Omaha, were present.

The question as to the legality of the new insurance law is attracting widespread attention. Deputy Commissioner Bryant told the members of the commission that the law is unconstitutional. He stated that stories of the controversy had been published in several European newspapers.

Although no notice to that effect has reached the office of Clerk Campbell of the supreme court, information was received here today from Washington that the United States supreme court had allowed a writ of error directed to the supreme court of Nebraska in the case of Henry Bolin, the defaulting city treasurer of Omaha, now serving a nineteen-year sentence in the state penitentiary. Recently a movement has been made to secure a pardon.

Lincoln Local News.

A rough estimate of the probable cost of maintaining the city government for the next fiscal year has been prepared by Councilman Webster of the finance committee of the city council. The assessed valuation of taxable property in the municipality is \$1,800,000, a slightly less than last year. The appropriations necessary for the different funds will amount to \$165,000, all of which must be raised by tax levy, exclusive of the money derived from other sources. A ten-mill levy will be made for the general fund. The interest and coupon fund will require only \$3,037, or \$1,000 less than last year. To satisfy the judgments now outstanding against the city an appropriation of nearly \$7,000 will be necessary. For maintaining the city library the council will make a levy of one mill, amounting to \$4,200. The water department is self-supporting, but for repairs and extensions the council will appropriate \$8,720. The police department is maintained at a cost of slightly over \$20,000 a year.

Countess W. E. Bentley of Omaha, who was arrested here last night on complaint of her wife, has sworn vengeance against the Lincoln police force, stating that she would resign her position in Omaha and move back to this city to get even with the department. Bentley came here on business yesterday and last night visited her children in East Lincoln, who are living with her wife. He entered the house and was invited to leave by Mrs. Bentley. Upon his refusal she notified the police and had him taken to the city jail. Mrs. Bentley has a divorce suit pending against her husband in the district court of Lancaster county.

The Lincoln District Telegraph company of this city has sold its business to the American District Telegraph company, which in turn will combine with the Western Union for the distribution of messages received over its lines. The local delivery service has been controlled by Cal Thompson for several years. The transfer will be made in a few days.

About 200 members of the Jeffersonian club of this city will attend the picnic to be given by the Jacksonian club of Omaha during the latter part of August.

Miss Maude Oakley, who has just completed an engagement with the Castle Square Opera company in Chicago, returned to her home in this city last night. She will return to Chicago later for a fall engagement.

Professor C. A. Ellwood of New York City has been engaged to conduct a department of social science at the State university the coming year.

Attorney Spencer has completed his findings in the case of Horace P. King of Friend, Neb., whose creditors have sought to force into voluntary bankruptcy under the federal law. King was indebted to F. P. Kirkendall & Co. of Omaha in a small sum and to quite a number of Lincoln transferees of property made by King were effected while he was in a state of insolvency and are therefore illegal.

The Epworth League of Nebraska will open its annual assembly at Lincoln park, near this city, tomorrow morning. Quite a

RAINS REFRESH THE CROPS

Encouraging Report by the Weekly Bulletin of the State Weather Bureau.

AN ENORMOUS YIELD OF SMALL GRAINS

Late Wet Weather Came Just in Time to Make a Certainty of a Great Yield of Corn in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The last week has been cool, with heavy showers in southern counties. The average daily deficiency in temperature has varied from 2 degrees in the eastern part of the state to 5 degrees in the western part. The maximum temperature for the week was 94 and the minimum 64. The wind was generally 90 degrees and generally between 34 and 98 degrees, but at a few stations exceeded 100 degrees.

The rainfall has been normal or above in most of the region south of the Platte river and in a few central counties north of that river. In the southern counties it ranged from one to four inches and over a considerable area exceeded two inches. In the northern counties little or no rain fell.

The first days of the week were dry and very favorable for the advancement of harvesting, haying and threshing, but unfavorable for the growth of corn. Harvesting of small grain is about completed in central and southern counties and threshing has commenced. The yield of wheat is generally better than expected. Oats are yielding well in the eastern counties. Apples promise a short crop.

The dry weather the first of the week caused some injury to corn in many places. The showers of the last four days of the week relieved the situation and in many places the corn has recovered. The damage to the corn from drought has been slight, but more rain is needed now in northern counties and in a portion of the central counties for the best growth.

WIND AND RAIN AT CREIGHTON.

Quite a Little Damage to Corn and Wheat Small Grain.

CREIGHTON, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—There was a heavy wind and rain storm visited this section from the north-west last night. One and a half inches of water fell according to the government weather gauge. The wind did quite a little damage to corn and wheat small grain. These are all laid almost flat on the ground. Some wind mills and small out buildings were blown down in the vicinity of Creighton and a small barn belonging to Mrs. Dell Dary, in the southeast part of town, was blown from its foundation, crushing one wheel and breaking the shaft of her new buggy. This was the first rain we have had since the first of July and was the first since the first of July.

LEIGH, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—A heavy gale of wind passing over this place about 2 o'clock this morning, doing quite a little damage to small buildings and orchards. The dwelling house of Alfred Moore was moved about two feet on the ground and several other buildings were overturned. Chimneys blown down and shade trees twisted and broken. Orchards in this vicinity were badly damaged, the trees being broken and from one-half to two-thirds of the fruit shaken off. People who saw the cloud approaching retreated hastily to cellars and in several instances lost their lives. No serious damage has yet been reported. The storm is reported to have been much more severe north and west of here.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—A severe thunder storm passed over Rushville this evening. Halsteads were blown down and four inches in circumference. Much damage was done to the crops in patches, and claims for damage are coming in. A horse was killed by lightning on the Niobrara river south of Rushville during the storm.

DECATUR, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The crops in this section of the country were broken last night by a beautiful rain. Harvesting will be delayed a few days, but farmers are jubilant over the crop prospect. Small grain is excellent and the corn crop is now insured.

ATKINSON, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Rain fell here in torrents last night and our corn crop is now assured.

WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—Another very heavy rain visited this section last night. It will do much good to the crops, somewhat, and is liable to hurt grain imperfectly shelled, but its effect on corn is splendid. The crop never looked better, is in magnificent shape throughout the entire county and farmers are confidently counting on an average yield of sixty bushels to the acre.

PONCA, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—It rained heavily nearly all of last night in this county, which assures the corn crop as far as moisture is concerned, should we not get any more rain. The small grain is about all harvested.

WYMORE WILL DO ITSELF PROUD.

REUNION OF SOUTHWESTERN NEBRASKA VETERANS' ASSOCIATION AUGUST 21.

WYMORE, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The various committees are hard at work getting things in readiness for the annual reunion of the Southwestern Nebraska Veterans' association, which will be held at Horsehoe park, in this city, for six days, beginning August 21. The railroads have made a rate of one fare for the round trip and thousands of people are expected. Letters have been received from many parts of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska and the writers say they are coming in a body. One post from St. Joseph has engaged tents for ten for eighty and dozens of other like requests are being received. The reunion is expected to be the biggest thing ever attempted by the people of Wymore. More than \$1,500 worth of concessions have already been sold. There will be several good bands here and the town will be turned over to the visitors.

HASTINGS VOTES ELECTRIC LIGHT BONDS.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—At the special election held today for the purpose of voting \$20,000 bonds to enable the city to own and operate its own electric light plant, there were 326 votes cast favoring it and 136 against the proposition. This settles the light question in Hastings, for this is the second time that bonds have been voted for this purpose, and the people will insist upon having the city properly illuminated as soon as possible.

Annual Teachers' Institute.

TRENTON, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The annual teachers' institute convened here this morning for a three week session. A good representation is present from Cuthbertson, Stratton and Palsade. The county superintendent is aided by Prof. A. B. Stephens of Holdrege, Neb. Mr. Stephens was here last year and his work was well liked. This session bids fair to be successful one. The reception was given yesterday evening.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

WAHOO, Neb., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of Anton Bastar, in session in this city yesterday afternoon, was that he came to his death by his own hand while temporarily insane. The funeral will be from his residence tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m., and burial at Sunrise cemetery.

Oxford-Beverly City Star Route.

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STATEMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

Increase is Shown for the Month of July Over Five Million Dollars.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued at the treasury today shows that at the close of business July 31, 1899, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,167,588,671. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debt, \$1,046,048,770; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$121,570; debt bearing no interest, \$20,167,328; total, \$1,167,646,668. This amount, however, does not include \$54,414,308 in unfunded debt, which is the amount of interest-bearing debt, \$1,046,048,770; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$121,570; debt bearing no interest, \$20,167,328; total, \$1,167,646,668. This amount, however, does not include \$54,414,308 in unfunded debt, which is the amount of interest-bearing debt, \$1,046,048,770; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$121,570; debt bearing no interest, \$20,167,328; total, \$1,167,646,668.

This is as near the truth as The Bee can get, for the monthly statement of the general of Nebraska or his work. The fact is, as you could easily have ascertained from your own columns or from the files of the treasury, that the monthly statement of Nebraska, whose office is in the city of Omaha, that on the 8th day of January, 1898, a large number of insurance companies, practicing in this state, united in an action in the United States circuit court, at St. Louis, Mo., to restrain the attorney general of Nebraska, John P. Corbett, and Constantine J. Smyth, Attorney General, et al. Docket No. 115, to prohibit the practice of insurance companies in Nebraska, and the auditor from instituting any suit or taking any steps whatever to enforce against the insurance companies the restraining order in suit in force. At the time the suit was commenced the court issued a restraining order in compliance with the prayer of the suit, and that restraining order is still in force. The application for a temporary injunction was set down for hearing shortly thereafter, and in due time the court rendered its decision, which was affirmed by the court in the oral argument at the bar and subsequently elaborate briefs were filed. The court held that the law was unconstitutional, and for the purpose of deciding that contention the case is now the property of the United States circuit court. Any move on my part to enforce the law would be a violation of the restraining order granted, and yet I am constrained by my paper to do so, which the court prohibits me from doing. This condemnation, however, is as just as many others which have emanated from the United States circuit court, and I am not my official conduct, and hence, perhaps I should not complain, but I do object to the citizens of this state being misled concerning the status of one of their public officials, and therefore request that you give this communication place in the columns of your paper.

Eastern Grain Aides Advanced.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1.—According to the agreement entered into by the railway presidents July 19, rates on grain and provisions from Chicago to the east were materially advanced today. The advances were as follows: On grain for domestic use from 11 cents to 15 cents per 100 pounds; all grain and grain products except domestic corn, from 10 cents to 15 cents; wheat from 11 cents to 15 cents; and export oats from 11 1/2 cents to 15 cents.

Commercial Congress Goes to Houston.

WICHITA, Kan., Aug. 1.—E. B. Moses, chairman of the executive committee of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, and secretary, W. H. Richardson of Houston, Tex., met here today with the local officers of the congress and it was decided to hold the next session of the congress in Houston, Tex., on April 15 to 21, 1900.

HAIR STORM NEAR DESMET

Crops on 20,000 South Dakota Acres Totally Destroyed—Another Bad Storm in Minnesota.

ABERDEEN NEWS NOTES.

DESMET, S. D., Aug. 1.—A terrific hail storm passed over this section last night, totally destroying the crops on 20,000 acres of land and severely damaging those on several thousand acres more. But little grain in the path of the storm had been cut. The full extent of the damage is not yet ascertained. A similar storm is reported from the vicinity of Dawson City, Minn., and several farmers are reported to have lost their entire crops by hail.

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ABERDEEN, S. D., Aug. 1.—(Special.)—The work of laying the new water mains on Kline street has begun. The old mains were found to be in very bad shape. Several blocks of cement sidewalk have been completed on this street and it is the intention to relaid the entire street laid with cement walks before cold weather.

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FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Forecast for Wednesday and Thursday: For Nebraska and Iowa—Fair and continued high temperature; Wednesday and Thursday; variable winds.

For Missouri—Continued high temperature Thursday, with fair weather preceded by thunder storms in northern portions Wednesday; fair to brisk southerly winds.

For South Dakota and Wyoming—Fair Wednesday and Thursday, with high temperature; variable winds.

For Kansas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday; continued high temperature; southerly winds.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU.

OMAHA, Aug. 1.—Omaha record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with 4 columns: Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Average temperature, Precipitation. Rows for Omaha, Nebraska, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1.

Table with 4 columns: Normal for the day, Excess for the day, Deficiency for the day, Deficiency since March 1. Rows for Omaha, Nebraska, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

Reports from Stations at 8 P. M.

Table with 4 columns: Station, Temperature, Wind, Precipitation. Rows for Omaha, Nebraska, and Lincoln, Nebraska.

RATHER MORE SERIOUS ASPECT.

Five of Italians Lynched in Louisiana Were Citizens of Italy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The international phase of the Italian lynchings in Louisiana has assumed a rather more serious aspect as a result of several official reports received here. These show that the Italian officials on the scene believe that four out of the five men lynched were Italian citizens. While the reports are not final, the Italian authorities have no doubt that they will be borne out by the inquiries now in progress.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Monthly Statement Issued by the U. S. Government—Expenses Are Decreasing.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—The monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures show that the total receipts during July were \$48,084,258, as against \$48,847,105 for July, 1898. The expenditures during last month were \$36,561,000, as against \$37,563,475 for July, 1898.

The receipts last month from customs were \$16,971,454; internal revenue, \$28,322,574; miscellaneous, \$2,760,229. This is an increase compared with July, 1898, of about \$1,800,000 from customs, \$2,200,000 from internal revenue and about \$254,000 from miscellaneous sources.

The annual preliminary report of the commissioner of internal revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1899, shows that the total receipts for the month of \$28,322,574, an increase for the month of \$278,484,552, which amount included \$274,953 tax on money orders turned over by the postmaster general to the collector for the district